

## INTERNATIONAL SEARCH REPORT

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PCT/NZ2004/000146

## A. CLASSIFICATION OF SUBJECT MATTER

Int. Cl. <sup>7</sup>: A61F 2/24

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## B. FIELDS SEARCHED

Minimum documentation searched (classification system followed by classification symbols)

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Electronic data base consulted during the international search (name of data base and, where practicable, search terms used)  
DWPI: A61F, Key Words (prosthetic, valve, metal, flexible, openwork, knitted, woven, chainmail etc)

## C. DOCUMENTS CONSIDERED TO BE RELEVANT

Category*	Citation of document, with indication, where appropriate, of the relevant passages	Relevant to claim No.
X	US 2002/0123802 A1 (SNYDERS) 5 September 2002 See figures 8 and 9, columns 11-12	1-9
A	WO 1982/002829 A1 (SPITALUL CLINIC FUNDENT) 2 September 1982 See entire document	1-9
A	GB 1145816 A (EDWARDS LABORATORIES INC) 19 March 1969 See entire document	1-9
A	FR 2682284 A1 (DESSART) 16 April 1993 See figure 1	1



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US	2002123802	AU	33227/01	BR	0108055
		EP	1251803	US	6540782
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		RO	78309		
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